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LICENCES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the areas for industrial development programme in India where licences are essential to obtain from the Union Government and where restrictions are still there; and

(b) the number of licences of such areas and the number of letters of intent issued till 30th June, 2001 to various States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) : At present, there are six industries under compulsory licensing under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. These are: i) Distillation and brewing of alcoholic drinks,
(ii) Cigars and cigarettes of tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes,
(iii) Electronic Aerospace and defence equipment: all types,
(iv) Industrial explosives including detonating fuses, safety fuses, gun powder, nitrocellulose and matches,
(v) Specified hazardous chemicals, and
(vi) Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (according to modified Drug Policy, 1994 as amended in 1999).Besides this, an industrial licence is also required when a project attracts locational restriction applicable to large cities with population more than 10 lakh (according to 1991 census), or when an item reserved for small scale sector is intended to be manufactured by an undertaking other than small scale industrial undertaking but excepting those operating under the Export Oriented Undertaking Scheme, the Export Processing Zone and the Special Economic Zone Schemes.

(b): During the period, August, 1991 to June, 2001, the total number of Industrial Licences and Letters of Intent issued to entrepreneurs were 987 and 3654, respectively.